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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE WASHINGTON VISIT OF DUTCH
MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AID

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1. WE HAVE ASCERTAINED FROM MFA THAT MINISTER PRONK OF DEVELOPMENT AID WILL BE IN NEW YORK TO HEAD DUTCH UNGA DELEGATION DURING WEEK OF OCT 22-26 AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE, HIS SCHEDULE PERMITTING, TO VISIT WASHINGTON OCT 26 TO MEET APPROPRIATE US AID OFFICIALS AND ONE OR TWO KNOWLEDGEABLE CONGRESSMEN IF FEASIBLE. PURPOSE WILL BE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENT AID POLICIES AND UNDERLYING PHILOSOPHY. DUTCH UN MISSION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

2. AS BIO-DATA WILL SHOW, AND AS REPORTED REFERENCED MESSAGES, PRONK IS INTELLIGENT, HARD-HITTING YOUNG LEFT-WINGER (33 YEARS OLD) WITH STRONG SENSE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE WHO BELIEVES THAT AID SHOULD GO ONLY TO THOSE LDC'S (INCLUDING LIBERATED TERRITORIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA) WHO ARE "WORKING FOR THEIR
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UNDERPRIVILEGED". HE HAS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT CAPITALISM BREEDS INEQUALITY AND HE FAVORS FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN LDC'S ONLY

IF SUBJECTED TO RIGOROUS CODE OF SOCIAL CONDUCT. WHILE HIS VIEWS APPEAR TO BE BASED ON CONVICTION, WE BELIEVE HE IS REALISTIC AND FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO MODERATE THEM IN FACE OF PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTATION. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT DO WHAT IT CAN TO EXPOSE PRONK TO SENIOR AID PERSONNEL, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATOR PARKER, WHO CAN CLARIFY US AID OBJECTIVES IN AUTHORITATIVE AND PHILOSOPHICAL TERMS. IF MEETING WITH ONE OR MORE CONGRESSMEN IS FEASIBLE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THOSE SOLICITED BE RELATIVELY YOUNG AND BOTH WELL-INFORMED AND POSITIVE ABOUT US AID PROGRAM.

3. WE SUGGEST DEPT COORDINATE WITH DUTCH UN MISSION AND DUTCH EMBASSY BEFORE MAKING ANY FIRM APPOINTMENTS.
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